[Mr. A. Govinda Menon.]

(*b*) Is it a fact that the Government declined to grant the help asked for and that, in consequence, Travancoreans are allowed admission only to the paying private wards of the sanatorium?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question of granting pecuniary help to the institution is under the consideration of the Government.

*Employment of Women in Departmental Vernacular Schools for Boys.*

100. MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that an application for a teacher's place in the departmental vernacular school for boys at Cheriazhikkal in the Karunagapalli taluk, put in by a qualified Araya woman of the place, was refused by the authorities on the ground that women cannot be entertained in such schools?

(*b*) Is it not a fact that women also are employed as teachers in grant-in-aid vernacular schools for boys?

(*c*) If so, will the Government be pleased to extend the same policy to departmental vernacular schools for boys?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, in a very few instances, most of them being those of husband and wife employed in the same institution.

(*c*) The question will have to be carefully examined before a decision is reached.

*Punishment of Mr T. K. Krishnan Tampi, Excise Inspector.*

101. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Excise Commissioner has recommended the reduction of second grade Excise Inspector Mr. T. K. Krishnan Tampi as the head clerk of a Division Office? If the answer is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to state the charges reported against the Inspector by the Excise Commissioner?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Excise Commissioner has sent a report about the Excise Inspector. It is under the consideration of the Government. They are unable to make any further statement in the matter at this stage.

*Officers benefited by Circular Fl. No. 306, dated the 21st February 1923.*

102. MR. A. GOVINDA MENON (*Alangad* cum *Parur*): (*a*) With reference to circular Fl. No. 306, dated the 21st February 1923, will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of officers of the several departments—

(1) who had at the time passed the age of fifty, who had been receiving the maximum pay of their old grade for two years and more, and who did not get any immediate increment at the time of the last general reorganisation of the several departments;

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(2) who were *sub-protem* or acting continuously for one year or more at the time of the last general reorganisation; and

(3) who were not given the *sub pro tem* promotion for which they had become eligible on account of the order prohibiting the filling up of vacancies permanently before the said reorganisation?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that some Heads of Departments have not yet furnished the Account Office with complete lists of officers who will be benefited by the circular referred to above?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to enquire whether the Account Office has fully passed the claims of all officers in the case of certain departments and whether that office has, in the case of certain other departments, given its own interpretation of the circular and called for revised lists from such departments?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of the officers of the several departments whose claims have not yet been verified and passed by the Account Office?

(*e*) Will the Government be pleased to issue strict instructions to the Account Office to obtain complete lists of the officers of the several departments coming within the circular above referred to, and to verify and pass the same in accordance with the spirit of the said circular within a reasonable date?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Government have no information and they do not propose to call for the same.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) Claims admissible under the terms of the circular have been verified and passed. The Account Office does not make any distinction between departments and departments.

(*d*) The Account Officer has verified and duly passed, when admissible, all the claims that have been referred to him by the several heads of departments.

(*e*) Government do not propose to do so. It is not the function of the Account Officer to invite such applications. There is nothing to prevent heads of departments from sending up the lists to him.

*Appointment of Income Tax Clerks.*

103. MR. A. GOVINDA MENON (*Alangad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) what exactly are the reasons for the delay in the appointment of the four income tax clerks sanctioned in this year's budget;

(2) how many applications from qualified men have been received in answer to the advertisement published by the Income Tax Commissioner in the *Government Gazette*;

(3) how many out of such applications are from students who have passed from the Alleppey School of Commerce and who possess the qualifications necessary for the post;

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